[Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to Dewan Peishkars as to what amount need be allowed for travelling allowance to Division Assistants in their respective divisions :

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that there is no uniformity in the allotment of such funds to the Division Assistants in the several divisions ; and

(*d*) whether they will provide for the travelling allowance of Division Assistants independently of the discretion of the Dewan Peishkars ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The amounts allotted to the four Revenue Divisions under "1 B—Travelling Allowance to officers" for the year 1102 are as given below :—

Division.	*Amount.*
	Rs.
Trivandrum	2,500
Quilon	2,500
Kottayam	2,500
Devicolam	1,500

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Yes. The allotment has to depend upon the extent of jurisdiction of each Division Assistant and the volume of Revenue work he has to do.

(*d*) The Government do not see the need for it.

Working of the Income Tax Regulation.

287. **MR. L. A. LAMPARD** (*Planters*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why sufficient notes and instructions regarding the Income Tax Regulation, VIII of 1096, as amended by Regulation V of 1100, and rules relating thereto have not been issued to enable the Income Tax Regulation to be worked on the same lines as the Indian Income Tax Act now in force in British India ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Steps have already been taken to publish a set of revised rules under the amended Income Tax Regulation. The draft rules are under consideration. The Regulation is being worked as far as possible on the same lines as the Indian Income Tax Act and necessary instructions are being issued by the Income Tax Commissioner from time to time.

Increase of pay to Peons and Lower subordinates.

288. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the cost of living is considerably higher than what it was three years ago ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether they will consider the question of raising the pay of the peons and other lower subordinates attached to the State service to enable them to earn a living wage ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (*a*), may I know from the member whether he received any petition or representation from the peons that their wages were not sufficient?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not remember to have seen any petition.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I ask the member whether paddy and rice are not the chief necessary articles for living in this country?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I need not give the member the answer to that question.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Are the Government aware that the prices of paddy and rice have increased now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From what date?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): From about three years ago, as stated in the question.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member whether he goes through the weekly season reports published in the *Gazette*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Does he not find from that that the prices of paddy and rice have increased?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is seen from that that the prices have been fluctuating. It cannot be said that the prices have increased.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Was any reference made to these reports at the time the answer was prepared?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are weekly reports. I do not think there is any need to make any reference to those reports.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): It is stated in part (*a*) of the answer that the Government have no information that the prices have increased. I say the information is available from these reports.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the season report it was clear that the prices were *fluctuating*. It cannot be said that the prices have *increased*. What the answer says is that the Government have no information as to the *increase* in the prices.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the prices have not increased ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As I have already stated, the prices are fluctuating. They have sometimes increased and sometimes decreased.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member the reason for the recent reorganisation and increase of pay of the officers of the State?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no recent reorganisation. The reorganisation took place five years ago.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that there was no reorganisation during the last five years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no general reorganisation of all the departments of the State since 1098.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the salaries of officers have not been increased during the last few years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not as a general measure.

Application for Erection of Churches.

289. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1099, 1100, 1101 and in 1102, up to the 26th Minam, for the construction of churches and the number of applications sanctioned by the Government;

(*b*) the taluks to which such sanctioned applications referred; and

(*c*) the number of such applications to which there were objections either from the people or from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Statements* containing the required information are laid on the table.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): How many of these applications were objected to from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We have not got a separate list of objections from the Devaswom Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was there any objection from the Devaswom Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were objections and they were given weight.

Communal Representation in Public Service.

290. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the principle of communal representation has been accepted by the Government, and, if so, what exactly is the principle they have accepted;

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Appendix IV A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 289.**

Statement of applications for erection of churches.

Year.	Number of applications received.	Number sanctioned.	Number of such applications to which there were objections.
1099	46	24	14
1100	67	38	10
1101	74	54	19
1102 (up to 26-8-02.)	52	31	7

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Appendix IV B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 289.**

Names of taluks to which the sanctioned applications for erection of churches referred.

	1099	1100	1101	1102	Total.
Agastisvaram	1	..	..	1	2
Kalkulam	1	..	..	...	1
Vilavankod	1	1	2	...	4
Neyyattinkara	3	2	1	1	7
Trivandrum	..	..	..	1	1
Neduvangad	2	4	1	...	7
Chirayinkil	..	1	..	...	1
Quilon	..	..	2	...	2
Karunagapalli	..	..	1	...	1
Kartikapalli	1	..	..	...	1
Kunnattur	..	4	3	3	10
Kotterakara	1	3	2	...	6
Ambalapuzha	2	1	1	2	6
Mavelikara	..	1	1	1	3
Tiruvalla	1	2	4	5	12
Pattanamtitta	2	4	7	4	17
Pattanapuram	2	..	4	1	7
Changanachery	2	3	5	1	11
Kottayam	1	1	3	3	8
Shertallai	..	1	..	...	1
Vaikam	..	..	1	2	3
Minachil	..	4	3	2	9
Muvattupuzha	1	4	8	...	13
Todupuzha	..	..	1	1	2
Kunnatnad	1	2	..	3	6
Parur	1	..	2	...	3
Peermade	1	..	2	..	3
Total	24	38	54	31	147

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